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SUBJ: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA - MEETING OF CORE GROUP MAY 18 (SUMMARY)

REF: A. STATE 113291 (NOTAL); B. STATE 113193 (NOTAL); C. USUN 1496; D. USUN 1539

1. CORE GROUP MET AT BELGIAN MISSION MAY 18 FROM 1540 TO 1900. ALL MEMBERS REPRESENTED EXCEPT FRG (ONE OFFICER IN MAPUTO; ONE AT UN DISARMAMENT MEETING) AND NETHERLANDS CONFIDENTIAL

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(OFFICER AT AIRPORT MEETING MOTHER). FRG AND NETHERLANDS MISSIONS SENT MESSAGES UNDERLINING FULL SUPPORT FOR CORE GROUP WORK.

2. MEETING FOCUSED ON REVIEW OF CURRENT STATUS OF NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS. ROK REASONED THAT, JUDGING FROM INTENSIVE NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY WITH COUNTRIES SUCH AS GABON, CAE, AND LESOTHO WHICH IN PAST HAVE SUPPORTED

SOUTH KOREAN (REF D), NORTH KOREANS HAVE NOT DISCARDED OPTION OF SUBMITTING RESOLUTION AT 32ND UNGA. US DREW ON REF A TO REPORT OUR BELIEF THAT PYONGYANG HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO PRESS FOR A NEW UNGA OFFENSIVE. THERE WAS CONSENSUS ON THIS LATTER POINT. ACCORDINGLY, GROUP CONSIDERED IT AS YET EARLY TO PROCEED WITH AGENDA ITEM 4: "DISCUSSION OF FUTURE STRATEGY."

3. GROUP DECIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP EARS TO GROUND FOR FURTHER INDICATIONS OF NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS. THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT THIS MUST BE DONE WITH GREAT DISCRETION SO AS NOT TO PROVOKE OTHER SIDE OR DISPLAY ANXIETY ON PART OF SOUTH KOREA OR CORE GROUP. THEREFORE, SPECIFIC APPROACHES AT CAPITALS OR IN NEW YORK WERE DECIDED AGAINST. RATHER, CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD LISTEN CAREFULLY IN CONVERSATIONS AT CAPITALS, NEW YORK, AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS FOR INDICATIONS OF INTENTIONS OF NORTH KOREA AND ITS SUPPORTERS. MAPUTO CONFERENCE WAS UNDERLINED AS A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF SUCH INFORMATION.

4. AS TO FUTURE CORE GROUP MEETINGS, CANADA THOUGHT THAT ACTIVITY OF CORE GROUP MIGHT PROVE PROVOCATIVE AND THAT, THEREFORE, MEETINGS SHOULD BE SUSPENDED UNTIL JUST BEFORE UNGA (REF B). OTHERS SHARED SIMILAR VIEWS THAT CORE GROUP ACTIVITIES SHOULD NOT WORK AGAINST GROUP'S GOALS. US SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT MEETINGS IN JUNE AND LATER COULD PROVE TIMELY (REF A) TO EXCHANGE REPORTS POSSIBLY FROM MAPUTO AND ELSEWHERE. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH DECISION THAT ROK CHAIRMAN SHOULD CALL CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING IN JUNE WHEN HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS FROM MEMBERS INDICATING MEETING WOULD PROVE USEFUL. CHAIRMAN PRELIMINARILY CONSIDERING MEETING ON OR ABOUT JUNE 10. US ALSO EMPHASIZED DANGER THAT TOTALLY MORUBUND CORE GROUP MIGHT BE READ AS SIGN OF WEAKNESS AND FRAGMENTATION AND THEREBY ENCOURAGE UNDESIRABLE ACTION BY OTHER SIDE.

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